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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 19, 2003 in the above-referenced application. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group II, i.e., claims 7-9 and 22-24, drawn to a method for promoting axonal growth. The traversal is to the extent that no undue burden would be required to search both groups.

Any questions arising from this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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